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In response to the Final Office Action dated May 6, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 6, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0028.C1, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and includes an attached replacement sheet. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.